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ADVOCATE OF PEACE.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER, 1845.

Change of Editorship.

The readers of the Advocate were apprised, in the last number, of a change which was to relieve the indefatigable Secretary of the American Peace Society of one department of those arduous and responsible labors which have accumulated on his shoulders to a burden which the increasing number of co-workers in the cause renders it no longer necessary for him to bear undivided and alone. If, in this act of equity to a well-tried veteran in the heaven-born cause of peace, the Society shall not have endangered its progress by transferring to a new and junior laborer in the field, an important department of its operations, it will be, I am sure, a matter of mutual gratulation to both. In the hope of this pleasant result, I assume the duty, the pleasure, and the labor of editing the Advocate of Peace; leaning for assistance, counsel and encouragement, on my experienced predecessor and those who with him have borne the burden and heat of the day, almost from the infancy of the cause to the present point of its progress. To them, as sustaining a personal relation to the organ of the Society, I shall consider myself permitted to apply for aid in filling its pages with original, interesting, and valuable matter. With such assistance, I trust the Advocate may take high rank among the monthly magazines of the land, and commend itself to the approbation and patronage of the public as an able and faithful record and expositor of the progress and principles of a cause allied to all the attributes of God, and embracing, like his love, the whole family of man. As the field expands, and the laborers increase, and the record of peace shall swell with her tearless, bloodless, beautiful conquests over this fallen world, we trust, nay, we believe, that the sibylline leaves on which she traced and left the morning music of her song, will be sought for and sung from by multitudes of all languages and tongues, of every clime and color—multitudes blessed with the bliss of her beauty and beneficence. Let her friends now hold on and onward, while new rainbows of hope and promise are spanning the heavens with new pledges of God's covenant of "peace on earth and good-will to men;" and the song that earthward poured its melody upon the ears of the listening shepherds of the East, shall again be sung in one simultaneous pæan of joy over the whole continent of humanity, swelling as it circles the globe, with symphonies, deep-toned from time and eternity, gladdening heaven and earth with the music of a new and common beatitude.

ELIHU BURRITT.

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